



Washington State Department of

Early Learning

ECEAP Reminders and Links

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Due Dates

ECEAP Contract, sign and return by	June 30
Self-Assessment	June 30
ECEAP Outcomes	June 30
Financial Disclosure Certification	June 30
Staff Qualifications Updates, if requested	June 30
June Monthly Report Form and final invoice (A-19)	July 10
Site Approval Forms	Several weeks before class start date

ECEAP Updates and Announcements

ECEAP Invoices Due July 10

Your June invoice voucher and monthly report are due earlier this month, so DEL can close out the fiscal year. Please send the invoice covering your June services and outcomes report, by July 10.

By the end of July, you will receive a new invoice voucher (A-19) by e-mail to use for the 2010-2011 contract year. It will include your new payment points, but otherwise look just like this year's form.

EMS

The 2010-11 program year in the ECEAP Management System (EMS) will be available in July. At that point, you can begin updating Program Information Forms (PIFs) for your sites and Child Enrollment Forms (CEF). DEL will notify you by email when EMS is ready for the new year. To start, remember to open the Program Year menu and select 2010-11. If you have questions, contact Heike at heike.syben@del.wa.gov or 360-725-2839.

2010-11 Monthly Report Form

If you have a payment point for July 2010, you must complete the new ECEAP Monthly Report Form in EMS by August 15. You can print a copy of this updated form at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/MonthlyReport10-11.doc.

Items #7(a-h) are new. To answer policymakers questions, we are asking you to track the characteristics of children on your waitlist in #7(a-f). Also, track additional children who are who are not eligible for ECEAP, but would be eligible for free or reduced lunch at school, in #7(g-h). To assist you with this task, there is a new chart to determine percent of federal poverty level at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/ECEAPIncomeEligibilityGuidelines.pdf.

Food Program Eligibility for ECEAP

The US Department of Agriculture has extended the ECEAP waiver for food reimbursement programs for one year, beginning July 2010. This allows automatic eligibility of all ECEAP children for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). For details, see *USDA bulletin B027-10* at www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2010.aspx.

DEL Staff Temporarily Laid Off - July 12

DEL will be closed on Monday, July 12, 2010. All DEL ECEAP staff will be out of the office on unpaid leave, due to cuts in the 2010-2011 state budget. Additional temporary layoff days will be listed in upcoming *Reminders and Links*.

Revision to ECEAP Eligibility Rules – Children with Disabilities

DEL is revising the state rules describing ECEAP eligibility and prioritization in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) chapter 170-100-080. This change implements [Second Substitute House Bill 2731](#), which redefined ECEAP “eligible child” to include children on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), regardless of family income. The rules must be revised to include the same definition. Read more on the revision process and August hearing date by visiting www.del.wa.gov/laws/development/eceap.aspx.

Site Approval Form

To get approval for a new or moved classroom, please send the ECEAP Site Approval form to DEL several weeks before classes open. The form is available at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/Site Approval Form.doc.

Family Support Outcomes Pilot Project – 2009-10

DEL would like to thank the 16 contractors who participated in the ECEAP Family Outcomes Survey pilot project in 2009-10. We will analyze the data over the coming months and share it in *Reminders and Links* and at our fall ECEAP Directors Meeting. This data will help us inform policymakers of the importance of the comprehensive nature of the ECEAP program.

Participating contractors evaluated this pilot project and we will use this information to plan ECEAP outcomes reports in future years. There will not be a statewide family outcomes project in 2010-11, though contractors are welcome to use the 2009 process to gather local data. To collect family outcomes in the future, we will distribute material in spring for the following fall. We will consider the suggestion of separating data for new families and returning families. We will review all processes for cultural and linguistic relevance. Thank you for this feedback.

Training Opportunities

DEL ECEAP Directors Meeting – SAVE THE DATE

- Thursday, October 28, 2010, Wenatchee

DEL has collaborated with the Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP (WSA) to hold the ECEAP Directors meeting near and during the October 26-28 WSA meeting. WSA will reserve topics for directors for Wednesday and Friday, in Chelan, and the ECEAP meeting will be about 40 minutes away in Wenatchee on Thursday.

DECA for Preschoolers Training – SAVE THE DATES

This fall, DEL will offer the two-day DECA Implementation training in three locations. This training is designed for staff who use the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA). DEL is covering training and travel costs for current ECEAP staff. For each location, participants must attend both days.

- August 25 and 26, Mukilteo
- October 7 and 8, Moses Lake
- October 18 and 19, Olympia

Watch for registration materials at www.del.wa.gov/eceap.

e-DECA 2.0 Webinar for ECEAP Teachers

This webinar is for ECEAP staff who assess children with the DECA. It provides an orientation to the new web-based e-DECA 2.0, which will be used by all of ECEAP in the 2010-11 school year, and will include:

- How to add children to “groups” (classes) in e-DECA 2.0.
- How to add parents, if they also complete the DECA assessment.
- How to enter your assessment ratings, and view ratings and reports.

The e-DECA 2.0 webinar will be repeated on four dates:

- For Monday, August 30, 1 to 2 p.m., register at www1.gotomeeting.com/register/262150640
- For Friday, September 17, 10 to 11 a.m., register at: www1.gotomeeting.com/register/547058753
- For Friday, October 15, 1 to 2 p.m., register at: www1.gotomeeting.com/register/215108825
- For Monday, October 25, 10 to 11 a.m., register at: www1.gotomeeting.com/register/844442097

You will be able to listen to the webinar from your computer's speakers or, if you choose, call in on a long distance line. Teachers, please note that your agency's e-DECA administrator will assign you a log-on ID and password after July 1, so that you will be able to access e-DECA 2.0 and practice using it.

Strengthening and Supporting Latino Families

- July 14 and July 28, 6 to 8 p.m. at Edmonds Community College, \$80

This is a one-credit hybrid class with an online component, taught by Caterina Tassara, Director of Children's Services and Programs with Western WA Volunteers of America. She has ECEAP experience. Learn more at

www.edcc.edu/schedule/search.php?d=15370&quarter=1.

Coalition for Safety and Health in Early Learning (C-SHEL)

- July 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Puget Sound ESD in Renton and remote access.

C-SHEL is a statewide coalition of early learning staff focused on health and safety. For more information, see www.cshelwa.org/TempHome.htm or contact peg@kidsnw.com.

U.S. Department of Education Reading Institute

- July 19 to 21 in Anaheim, CA

This year, the Department of Education in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will offer a separate Early Learning and Development/Birth to Third Grade Strand. Learn more at <http://nieer.org/news/event.php?EventID=294>.

Facilitator Training with Jean Illsley Clarke

- July 19-23, Olympia area, \$750

This training is developed from Jean Clarke's books, *Who, Me Lead a Group?* and *How Much is Enough? Everything you need to know to steer clear of overindulgence and raise likeable, responsible and respectful children*. For more information, e-mail:

nwfacilitators@gmail.com.

Starting Strong Institute

- August 5 and 6 – Yakima Convention Center www.esd105.org/educational-services/early-learning
- August 9 and 10 – Marriott Hotel SeaTac www.psesd.org/startingstrong

The agenda, used at both sites, focuses on four components necessary for preschool through third grade alignment: leadership, instructional practice, community collaboration and family partnerships.

Resource Links

Play to Learn! Children's play time is sometimes reduced to prioritize academic instruction. A new CD book from Exchange and High/Scope explains the role of play. www.childcareexchange.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=5400129

Incarcerated Parents Download the revised DSHS booklet *Beyond the Walls: A Guide to Services for Families Affected by Incarceration* at www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/incarcerated/beyondthewalls.pdf , For free paper copies of the original edition, email communications@del.wa.gov.

Graduation ceremonies? Explore the controversies around preschool graduation ceremonies in this *Washington Post* article. <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/answer-sheet/early-childhood/graduation-ceremonies-run-amok.html#more>.

Healthy Eating Habits Learn about the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) food pyramid for preschoolers, with suggestions for parents and caregivers to ensure that preschoolers stay active and healthy at www.mypyramid.gov/preschoolers and www.nfsmi.org/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20100601085158.pdf.

Child Well-Being The 2010 Child and Youth Well-Being Index, from the Foundation for Child Development, explores the effects of the Great Recession on children now and in their futures. See the report at www.fcd-us.org/usr_doc/FINAL_2010_CWI_Annual_Release.pdf.

Lasting Benefits of Preschool A meta-analysis of 123 studies spanning 1960 to 2000 finds that preschool has lasting and substantial benefits that do not fade after third grade and help close the achievement gap. <http://eyeonearlyeducation.org/2010/06/21/lasting-and-substantial-benefits-of-preschool/#more-827>